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1. The following Soviet documents were found in a road ditch close
to BERNAU (N 53/Z 96) on 1 July 1949:

2. In detail:

Document No. 1: Cover of a note book, owned by Petr Grigoryevich
TYABLYASHKIN.

Notes on the third page of the cover:

Battalion commander: Lt Col. PODOLSKY

Deputy commander in charge of political affairs: SKRYAGA

Regimental commander: Col NOVIKOV

Division commander: Genlelt OBUKHOV

CinC of the Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany: Genarmy CHUIKOV.

Document No. 2: Fragmentary envelope, addressed to Petr
Grigoryevich TYABLYASHKIN of Unit [REDACTED] 25X1C

Document No. 3: Envelope addressed to Petr Grigoryevich
TYABLYASHKIN of Unit [REDACTED], postmarked 25 May 1949, 25X1C
examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] 25X1C

Document No. 4 and 5:
Fragmentary envelope addressed to Petr
Grigoryevich TYABLYASHKIN, postmarked 1 June 1949. 25X1A

Comment:

a. The Soviet documents found in BERNAU contain valuable
supplementary information on the order of battal of the 6th
Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) in the area of EBERSWALDE-BAD FREIENWALDE
BERNAU.

b. Available information on the QB of the 6th Gds Mecz Div
(Cadre) was based on statements made by Soviet deserters in
November 1947 and on statements of a Soviet deserter (officer)
made in December 1947. From this information the following
mechanized regiments have been assumed to belong to the
division:

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(1) 16th Gds Mecz Regt (Cadre) (formerly 16th Gds Mecz Brig), stationed in BAD AMLENWALDE, [REDACTED] (according to war-time records). 25X1C

(2) 17th Gds Mecz Regt (Cadre) (formerly 17th Gds Mecz Brig) stationed in EBERSWALDE, [REDACTED] (according to wartime records, was confirmed in EBERSWALDE until March 1949. 25X1C

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(3) 35th Gds Mecz Regt (Cadre) (formerly 49th Mecz Brig) stationed in the area of BERNAU. The [REDACTED] of the 35th Gds Mecz Regt (Cadre) has not been definitely identified. During the war the [REDACTED] were mentioned as being assigned to the regiment. 25X1C

c. Deserters interrogated in December 1947 stated that the 6th Gds Mecz Regt (Cadre) with the [REDACTED] was a component unit of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre). 25X1C

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d. From all previous information it could not be inferred whether the third mechanized regiment of the division has the [REDACTED]. It was even assumed that a deserter interrogated in 1947 confused the Mecz Regt with the [REDACTED] with the Hq of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) and therefore, the [REDACTED] was carried as the [REDACTED] of the Hq of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre). 25X1C 25X1C 25X1C

e. This previous assumption was refuted by the documents found in BERNAU on 1 July 1949.

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f. The list of officers which was compiled by P.G. TYABLYASHKIN of Unit [REDACTED] "A" (Document No. 1) indicates that the [REDACTED] is assigned to a mechanized regiment of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) (presumably to the 6th or the 35th Gds Mecz Regt (Cadre)), as the names of TYABLYASHKIN's regimental and the battalion commanders were noted down. 25X1C

g. The above assumption is partially corroborated by the mentioned officers' names:

(1) Lt. Col POLOLSKY was reported to be CO of the "6th Gds Mecz Regt" [REDACTED] in December 1947 (presumably confused with the battalion commander). 25X1C

(2) SAPIAGA was in December 1947 reported to be lieutenant colonel and political officer of the regiment with the [REDACTED]. 25X1C

(3) Col NOVIKOV has, until now, not been ^{known} as CO of a mechanized regiment or the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre).

(4) Genleit OBUKHOV (presumably Genleit of Tank Troops V.T. OBUKHOV who was the wartime CO of the III Gds Mecz Corps). Until now, Genmajor PUSHKAREV has been assumed to be CO of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) from statements of deserters interrogated in December 1947; Genmajor PUSHKAREV, however, has not been confirmed since that time. Therefore, Genmajor OBUKHOV will from now on be listed as CO of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre).

(5) Genarmy CHUIKOV was confirmed as CinC of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany.

h. Conclusions: On the basis of available information and the inferences made therefrom, the OB of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre), as assumed by us on 1 June 1949, is revised as follows:

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(1) Hq of the 6th Gds Meez Div (Cadre) [REDACTED] in BAD 25X1C
FREIENWALDE or BERNAU (more likely in BERNAU, since a restric-
ted area on Karl Marxstrasse was observed there in May 1949,
than in BAD FREIENWALDE from where no pertinent information
has been obtained since a deserter's statement in December
1947).

CG of the 6th Gds Meez Div (Cadre): Genleit OBUKHOV.

(2) 6th or 35th Gds Meez Regt (Cadre) [REDACTED] of the 25X1C
6th Gds Meez Div (Cadre) in the BERNAU area.

Regimental CO: Col NOVIKOV.

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